Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Will the Government be pleased to consider the possibility of deep sea fishing in our State? There was some suggestion also with regard to that.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*)—As I have already explained during the general discussion a revenue inspector in charge was asked to offer his remarks and if necessary to draw a complete scheme. On that matter we came to the conclusion that without gathering necessary preliminary data it will be difficult to take to deep sea fishing. He recommended that the scheme be put off till the data is collected since it would require a large amount of capital.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Would it not be advisable to get somebody for making a scientific investigation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Even for that some data will be necessary before the expert is called. We are trying to collect the data. But I may inform the House that even in Madras there is a difference of opinion among experts whether they should continue the deep sea fishing there or not.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—It may not be a success in Madras but it may be a success in these seas.

The Cochin Irrigation Act—requests under.

279. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Cochin Irrigation Act was passed;

(b) whether any application or request to have any irrigation work (major, minor or petty) constructed, repaired or maintained, has been received by the Government, and if so, which are they;

(c) whether any of the requests in (b) has been granted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) The Cochin Irrigation Act was passed on 15th Vrischigam 1111, corresponding to 1st December 1935.

(b) Yes.

A request under Section 22 of the Act for opening a canal in Thekke desam village, Chittur Taluk, has been received by the Diwan Peishkar from one K. Ramanatha Menon.

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(c) No. The matter is pending enquiry into the complaints of the adjacent landholders, etc.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether this is the only application received under the Act? Were petitions for major, minor and petty works received by Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*—It was understood to be applications under the specific section. Only one petition was received and it is dated 28—10—1936.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Whether this petition has been disposed and if not what is the delay due to?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—There are several things to be done. First of all certain files have to be gone through, objections have to be invited and the Peishkar has to make a local inspection. Now it is pending my local inspection.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Did any other departments of Government receive petitions of this nature for there are provisions in the Irrigation Act for petitions before the Panchayat and other departments.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Has not Government received a petition for the construction of 'Manchira' in the Kalloor Village under this Act?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I do not think any other petition has been received by the Diwan Peishkar and I may say that the Diwan Peishkar is the officer empowered under that section.

Grazing ground—Ernakulam.

280. **Mr. A Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made in establishing grazing ground for Ernakulam?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The Diwan Peishkar has been directed to select a site. His report is awaited.

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